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TO AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 053038 ACTION SOFIA 10 MARCH.

QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, BU

SUBJECT: "ECONOMIC ESPIONAGE" - SOLOMON BEN-YUSEF

REF.: SOFIA 0152

1. B'NAI B'RITH OFFICIAL HAS APPROACHED DEPARTMENT AGAIN TO INQUIRE WHETHER ANYTHING FURTHER CAN BE DONE ON BEHALF OF SOLOMON BEN-YUSEF. HIS SISTER IN TEL AVIV HAS APPEALED FOR HELP. ACCORDING TO SISTER, MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF BEN YUSEF BEFORE HE WENT INTO PRISON UNCOVERED SUSPECTED MALIGNANCY WHICH REQUIRES PROLONGED OBSERVATION. SHE IS CONCERNED THAT THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE IN PRISON. FURTHERMORE, FINE OF 20,000 LEVA HAS CAUSED TREMENDOUS HARDSHIP ON BEN-YUSEF'S WIFE, A CHEMIST WHO REPORTEDLY EARNS 150 LEVA PER MONTH. (FYI. WAS FINE ALSO LEVIED? END FYI)

2. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED IN ITS DISCRETION TO DRAW ATTENTION OF FRG EMBASSY AND/OR MFA TO FOREGOING. IF LATTER, INQUIRE, CONFIDENTIAL

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ON BASIS OF STRICTLY HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS, WHETHER

PERIODIC PREVENTIVE MEDICAL EXAMINATION IS ENSURED FOR BEN-YUSEF AND WHETHER FINE CANNOT BE WAIVED AT THIS POINT. ASSUME FURTHER APPEAL IS NOT AVAILABLE. REPORT RESULTS OF EMBASSY EFFORTS.

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